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¹ Temple, 183, White, 400, Yates - GMI, 1.

² Temple, 184, Yates - GMI, 1.

³ White, 401, Yates - GMI, 3.

⁴ Temple, 190-2, White, 401.

⁵ Temple, 192, Yates - GMI, 3.

⁶ Temple, 159, 183, 192, Yates - GMI, 4.

⁷ Yates - GMI, 22-27; 35.

⁸ Conrad 10, Temple, 189-90, Yates - GMI, 4, 5.

⁹ Temple, 197, Yates - GMI, 5, 7, 8.

¹⁰ Conrad, 115, Temple, 323-4, 339, Yates - GMI, 8, Yates - Highlights, 37 (specific to use as a hospital).

¹¹ Conrad, 115, 163, Scaife, 221, Temple, 373, Yates - GMI, 11, Yates - Highlights, 37.

¹² Temple, 183.

¹³ Friends brochure.

¹⁴ Friends brochure, Temple, 183.

¹⁵ Temple, 197, Yates - GMI, 7-17.

¹⁶ Yates - GMI, 17.

¹⁷ Temple, 421-4, Yates - GMI, 17.

¹⁸ Scaife, 221, Temple, 424, Yates - GMI, 17.

¹⁹ Conrad, 163, Yates - GMI, 17.

